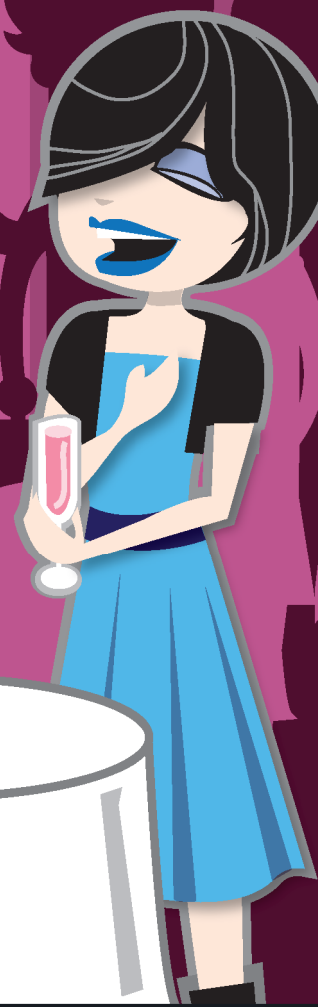


# EPIC OFFICE PARTIES

Merry and bright: As businesses find more to celebrate, employees reap the benefits 6-7



## FOR MATZO MEN Enclave

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With much of the city celebrating Christmas early, what's a Jewish fella to do? All are welcomed at the Matzo Bash Christmas Eve Gala, one of many Christmas Eve parties bumping through the night. With your admission fee, snack on appetizers from Steve's Deli and cocktails at the bar, then head to Cuvee for free admission to the after-party. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday \$10.



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# 158

Inches of snow that fell from Dec. 17 through Wednesday in some areas of the mountains of California during an intense storm.

# 30,000

An overlooked female pinkie bone put in storage two years ago points to the existence of a previously unknown human species. The pinkie was about 30,000 years old.



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# 250,000

A Norwegian daily newspaper has been given access to all the diplomatic cables held by WikiLeaks, the publication's managing editor told CNN.



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**2** Two parcel bombs injured people at two embassies in Rome on Thursday. It is believed the bombs originated in Greece.

# Count on it

Some of the biggest talkers of the day—numerically speaking, of course



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# 109,000

Number of cars being recalled worldwide by GM because of a problem with a mat under the front seat that could break and disable the front air bag.



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# 20,000

Beijing will cap its new small passenger vehicle quotas at 20,000 per month in 2011 in an effort to tackle the city's chronic traffic gridlock.

# \$26,000

The purse used by a Florida school board member to smack a gunman has been sold to raise more than \$26,000 for charity, **msnbc.com** reports.

# \$200,000

Two separate donations of \$100,000 each were given to the Salvation Army in Flint, Mich., and Joplin, Mo. Who was so generous? Santa Claus.

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What do you think? Was I right about the pop culture peeps who were naughty or nice? Send me your thoughts, along with name, age and neighborhood in case we are able to print them in the paper. (No need to have them rhyme.) And thanks again for your Kyles Files support. Happy holidays to you and yours!

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## 2010 review in rhyme for you

Has a shopper stolen your parking space one time too many?  
Will you scream if you spend one more holiday penny?  
Are you feeling like a Grinch sans the green skin and Whos?  
Does this season in general give you the blues?  
Don't fret if it's yes to those questions and more,  
I've got something the sourest Scrooge will adore.  
A pop culture list and I'm checking it twice  
Of things that were naughty and some that were nice.  
Let's decide who amid the celebsphere  
Should get candy or coal around this time of year.  
(If you're rolling your eyes at the format of rhyme,  
Spike your eggnog with rum. You'll be game in no time.)  
First, let's hand out the coal, unpleasantness first.  
These lumps of black rock are for pop culture's worst.  
Shame on Charlie Sheen whose unfortunate course  
Led to a trashed hotel room and a surprise divorce.  
LiLo, too, though substance abuse is a disease  
Could do with a spanking across Santa's knee.  
The Kardashians, too, deserve a good drubbing  
Along with "Real Housewives"—being famous for nothing.  
Michael Vick, this year, you shone on the field,  
But get a dog and be crushed by karma's great wheel.  
And this one is for RedEye peer Show Patrol,  
For canceling "Stargate Universe," Syfy gets coaled.  
Now for the nice things, for without a doubt  
That's what the holidays should be about.  
Repealing "don't ask, don't tell"—it's about time.  
On that, topic, Gaga and I are of the same mind.  
Kudos to Jay-Z for decoding rap greatness  
To J-Cole and Wiz Khalifah for challenging its fakiness.  
Candy for Oprah for striking out on her OWN,  
El DeBarge and Sade who served up soul for the grown.  
Candy to Kanye West for G.O.O.D. music each week  
And for behaving at awards shows. (Yep, stay in your seat.)  
Big ups to Antoine Dodson, fake Ke\$ha and he who ate his own beard  
For keeping YouTube exciting with their own brand of weird.  
And last but not least, a gigantic treat for you  
For reading my column this whole year through.  
Enjoy your loved ones, and if you still find things bleak.  
Take heart: The holidays are over same time next week.



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# JOLLY OFFICE

**SOME BUSINESSES UPPING THEIR GAME WHEN IT COMES TO HOLIDAY PARTIES**

**By Tracy Swartz**

REDEYE

For its holiday party earlier this month, Groupon offered a full bar—no cash or coupon required.

The fast-growing coupon service rented out the Field Museum of Natural History, where employees perused artifacts from the Aztec empire and one of the largest collections of gems and stones in the world, a Groupon spokeswoman said.

For those who preferred modern art, there were performances by Mucca Pazza, a self-proclaimed “circus punk marching band”; Be The Groove, a rhythmic troupe; Puppet Bike, a puppet show on wheels that frequently makes appearances in Andersonville and the Loop; and DJ Sasha Savic, Enclave’s resident spinner.

Oh, and dinner was included. Nearly 2,000 employees and their spouses—including more than 100 satellite employees flown in for the bash—attended this year’s

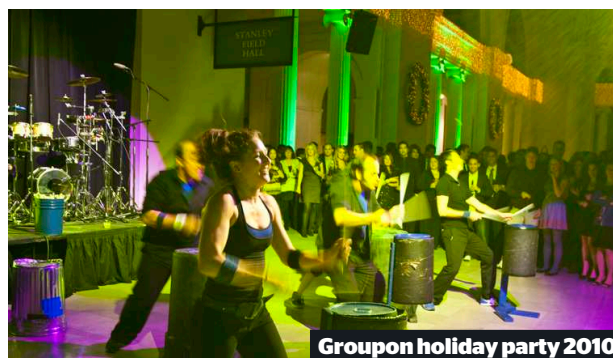
Groupon holiday party, a five-hour event held Dec. 10. The soiree definitely was an upgrade from last year’s party at Howl at the Moon, which about 300 employees attended.

“I walked in and didn’t see a single face I knew,” Groupon spokeswoman Julie Mossler said. “It was so nice to have the chance to see our friends who work in other cities. ... I think we were trying to show thanks to our staff for making Groupon grow the way that it has.”

It’s beginning to feel a lot like Christmas again in offices around Chicago after a bad economy downsized holiday parties in years past.

A few executives said they pumped up the volume for their holiday party this year as a way to thank employees for contributing to a better bottom line.

Chicago-based employment consultant firm Challenger, Gray and Christmas found 64 percent of companies are planning



holiday parties this year, up slightly from 62 percent a year ago, based on a survey of 100 human resource specialists. About 4 percent of the offices are holding parties this year after one or more years without a party because of the recession, the survey found.

Elizabeth Jaworek, senior account manager for The Creative Group in Chicago, a staffing agency for marketing and advertising companies, said some of her clients have told her they are reviving their office parties this year after a one- or two-year hiatus.

She cited a Creative Group survey re-

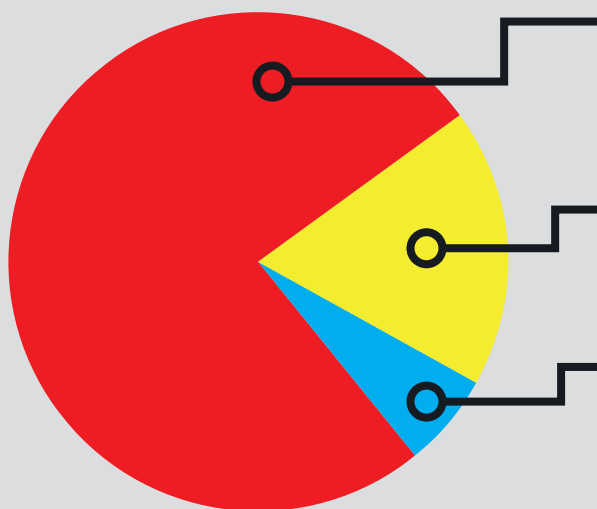
leased last month that found 52 percent of 500 advertising and marketing executives polled said the year-end office holiday party is worth the investment.

And while some offices can’t afford to go all out as maybe they did five years ago, they still are having a small catered event or brunch or a potluck meal instead of no party at all, Jaworek said.

“I think a small get-together, a time away from the computers, off the phones, a time to socialize with your colleagues ... is a great way to say thank you,” Jaworek said. “Striking the right balance between recognition and appreciation and what they can afford

## BY THE NUMBERS

A better economy, not alcohol, is fueling this year’s office holiday parties. A survey by Chicago-based employment consultant firm Challenger, Gray and Christmas found that 45 percent of companies are serving alcohol at their holiday party this year, compared to 57 percent of companies in 2009. Here are other results from the firm’s survey of 100 human resource specialists. T.S.



» **76:** Percentage of companies in 2010 budgeting the same for a holiday party compared to 2009

» **18:** Percentage of companies in 2010 budgeting less for a holiday party compared to 2009

» **6:** Percentage of companies in 2010 budgeting more for a holiday party compared to 2009



» **54:** Percentage of companies in 2010 inviting employees only to the holiday party

» **64:** Percentage of companies in 2009 inviting employees only to the holiday party





Groupon holiday party 2010



Groupon holiday party 2010

is definitely what our clients are thinking about.”

The Challenger, Gray and Christmas survey found that 71 percent of companies are using a caterer, event planner or other outside services for their holiday parties this year, up from 36 percent of companies last year.

Marcus Windsor, a Villa Park DJ who specializes in weddings and corporate events, said he's been booked for more gigs this year than in the past three years. He DJ'd the Ikea holiday party in Bolingbrook and the Teach for America party at the Lincoln Park Zoo this month.

But for one Chicago office, this year's party was about the holiday spirit. Or spirits, that is.

Edelman, a global public relations firm with an office in Chicago, wanted to boost the spirits of its employees this year—with booze.

Because Edelman landed an account with Jim Beam this year, employees were treated to special Jim Beam cocktails, including a lemonade concoction at this year's holiday party, held Dec. 9 at Rockit in River North, said Rick Murray, president of Edelman Chicago.

Employees who showed up to the party

also were eligible for a raffle of door prizes including packages to Hilton Hotels, American Express gift cards, gift certificates to local retailers and official Blackhawks jerseys.

There were no door prizes last year for the holiday party at West Loop lounge Market, Edelman spokeswoman Katie Riccio said. About 375 employees attended last year's event compared with the 450 employees this year's event drew, Murray said.

“We definitely wanted to change the mood a little bit,” Murray said. “This year, we were feeling really good about things. We wanted to thank people in a really big way.”

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## POP CULTURE PARTIES

Don't put “The Office” into the office holiday party. The fictional Scranton paper company has had its fair share of holiday party disasters, including a Secret Santa gift exchange that turned into a frenzy over an iPod, a bloody snow fight and a cringe-worthy chain restaurant. RedEye looks at other pop culture mistle crises. **TS**

### » “Rock” the party:

In the 2007 “30 Rock” “Ludachristmas” episode, Kenneth Parcell is the Grinch who stole the Christmas party. He cancels the writers' annual tradition and tells them the true meaning of the holiday. Hint: A puppet show is involved.



» **Foam party:** In the 2006 “Fake Plastic Snow” episode of “Ugly Betty,” Mode magazine hosts a party with snow made out of Styrofoam. Styrofoam! Enough said.



### » Take a bow:

This year's “Mad Men” Christmas episode involved alcohol, public humiliation and a conga line! Which way to the '60s?



» **43:** Percentage of companies in 2010 inviting employees' family, spouse or partner to the holiday party

**47 percent**

Percentage of companies in 2010 holding the party during a workday or at the end of a workday

**43 percent**

Percentage of companies in 2009 holding the party during a workday or at the end of a workday

» **36:** Percentage of companies in 2009 inviting employees' family, spouse or partner to the holiday party

**41 percent**

Percentage of companies in 2010 holding the party in the evening or during the weekend

**43 percent**

Percentage of companies in 2009 holding the party in the evening or during the weekend



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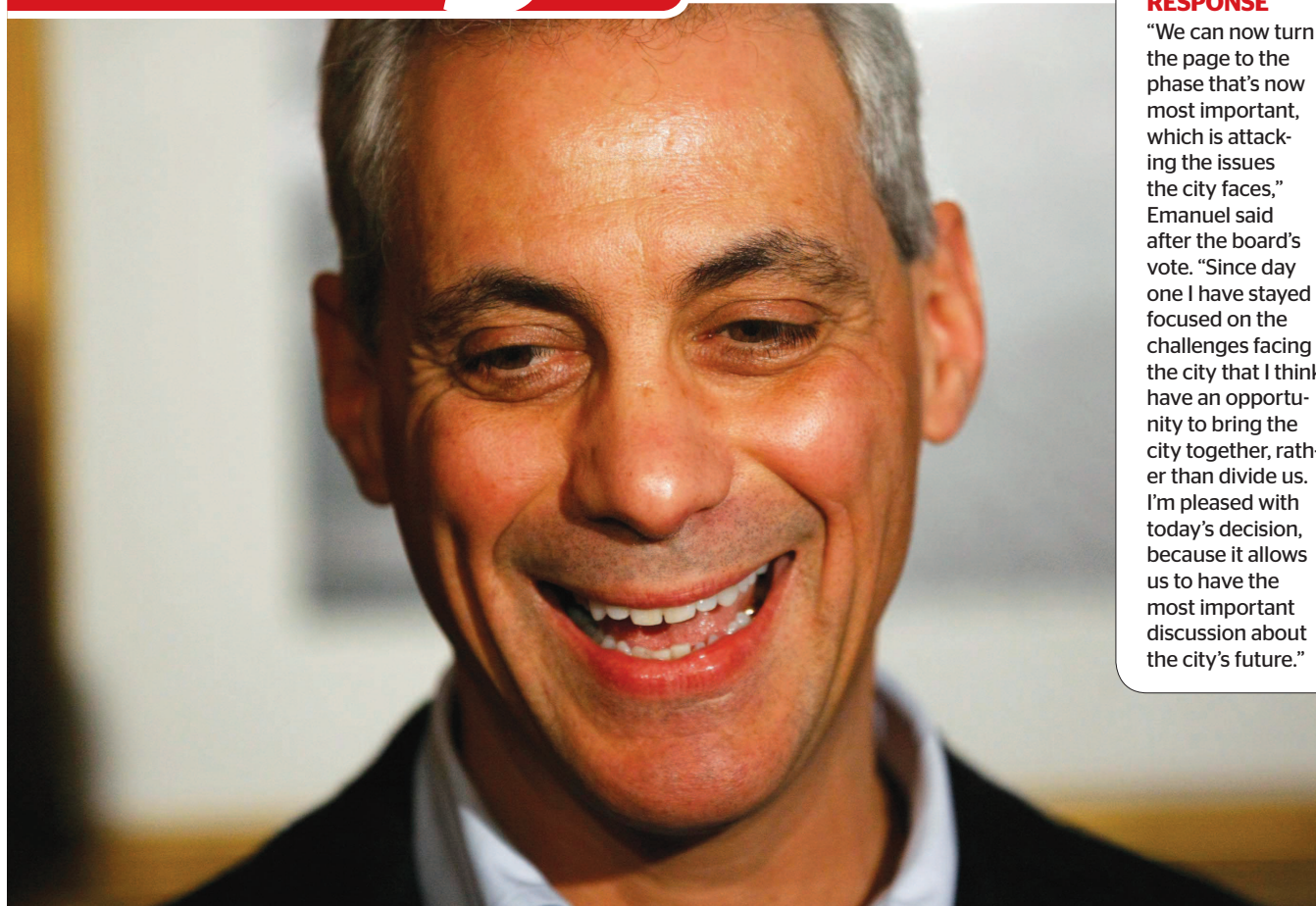
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Rahm Emanuel speaks to reporters Thursday after election officials ruled that he can run for mayor. CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE

## EMANUEL'S RESPONSE

"We can now turn the page to the phase that's now most important, which is attacking the issues the city faces," Emanuel said after the board's vote. "Since day one I have stayed focused on the challenges facing the city that I think have an opportunity to bring the city together, rather than divide us. I'm pleased with today's decision, because it allows us to have the most important discussion about the city's future."

## Naming rights, fees on menu for Taste and other festivals

### Chicago Tribune

Making a profit on Taste of Chicago and the city's six other annual festivals could prove difficult for a private company willing to take on the challenge, according to city documents provided to firms preparing bids.

The city lost more than \$6.9 million on the events the past three years, records show. So it's probably no surprise that the city says companies bidding to run the events can consider charging admission fees and selling naming rights.

"Ideally, these festivals would remain free but (bidders) should



Daley

submit responses that include their recommendations on the economic model which can include an entrance fee," the city bid documents state.

The city also says the sale of naming rights are acceptable—as long as the name incorporates the current name of the event. For example, you could have the name "Acme Chicago Jazz Festival" but you could not have "Acme Fest" or "Acme's Jazz and Heritage Festival."

Mayor Daley first threw out the idea of privatizing the Taste in August. He was struggling to close a \$655 million budget gap. Taste began in 1980, under then-Mayor Jane Byrne. It was privately run until 1984, when the city took it over.

Bids to privatize the event once again are due Monday, but the city is not obligated to accept one. City Hall could decide to keep running the festivals, Daley said. If it does, they could be downsized or consolidated, city officials said.

In 2008 Taste returned a profit of more than \$2.5 million, and the Blues Fest made about \$218,000, offsetting losses on the other five festivals: Gospel, Celtic, Country, Jazz and Viva. But that calculation, included in the documents, did not include the costs of city services, like police and fire protection.

After those costs are deducted, the festivals lost more than \$1.7 million in 2008. The following year, the city lost more than \$3.7 million on the festivals after the cost of services were deducted, and this year the loss was about \$1.5 million.

# Run, Rahm, run!

## Election commissioners say Emanuel can stay on mayoral ballot

### Chicago Tribune

Chicago election commissioners voted Thursday to keep Rahm Emanuel on the Feb. 22 Chicago mayoral ballot.

The 3-0 vote came just hours after a hearing officer recommended that the former White House chief of staff should remain in the mayor's race because he meets the city residency requirement.

"It was a difficult case to manage. For me, it was not a difficult case to decide," said Richard Cowen, an elections commissioner.

The election board, however, is not expected to have final say on the issue. The losing objectors have a week to appeal the board's decision to the Cook County Circuit Court. The case could wind its way through the court system, including the Illinois Court of Appeals and the Illinois Supreme Court, for weeks.

"My goal is to get this through the

### MEEEKS DROPS OUT

State Sen. James Meeks on Thursday ended his bid for Chicago mayor. Meeks, a pastor of a South Side megachurch, issued a statement explaining his decision: "Unfortunately, though, our house is divided. I have met with each of the four other African-American candidates and urged them in the strongest terms to consider withdrawing from the race in the interest of unity and for the greater good of our community."

courts as soon as possible," said Burt Odelson, lead attorney for the objectors, to Emanuel's attorneys after the commissioners rendered their decision.

Emanuel attorney Kevin Forde said "Joe Blow" would have won the case if he had the same facts as Emanuel in his favor. Forde said this was the most unusual election case he has seen.

"First of all, there is no reference in any

of those cases to toothbrushes, places where you have to sleep, and some of the other stuff you've been reading about and publishing," Forde said. But Forde said there is "plenty of authority on the subject" that if somebody temporarily leaves a permanent residence with the intent to return, that person remains a resident.

The vote came after hearing officer Joseph Morris' 69-page recommendation was issued at nearly 2 a.m. and the board opened its meeting at 9 a.m.

"It has not been established that the candidate, a resident of Chicago, abandoned his status as such a resident," Morris wrote of Emanuel's time as President Obama's chief of staff. "In any event, his absence from Illinois during that time in question is excused, for purposes of the safeguarding and retention of his status as a resident and elector, by express operation of Illinois law."





SPACE CASE: LAKEVIEW



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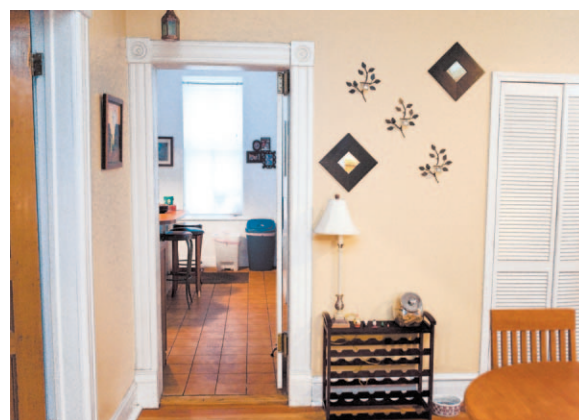
Tim Frank was looking for a space to play music without annoying the neighbors. He found it in a three-bedroom, century-old Lakeview coach house that he shares with his girlfriend (and band mate) and another friend. "It's a suburban home in the middle of the city," said Frank, 26, the front man for Band Called Catch (catch them Jan. 15 at Bottom Lounge). "It's perfect for creating music and practicing and collaborating with other musicians." They set the mood with lots of lamps, some original art on the first floor and a wet bar for sonic courage. **REDEYE; LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS**

## THE DETAILS

**Home:** Rental house

**Lived there since:** June

**Favorite feature:** The laid-back vibe in the second-floor music studio. "You can go and just create music," Frank said.



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If you're one of those people who spends Christmas Eve decorating your tree, you're in luck. We at RedEye like to add a little Chicago sports to our Christmas tree. This year we decided to bypass expensive, team-sanctioned

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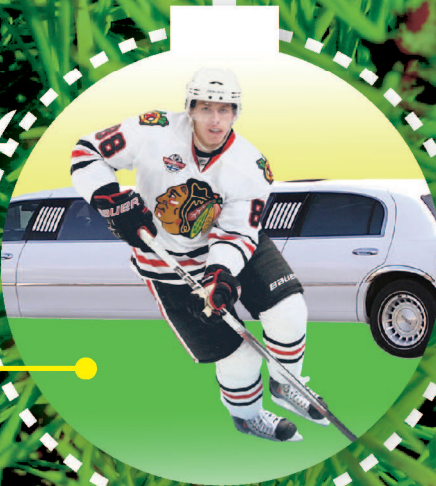
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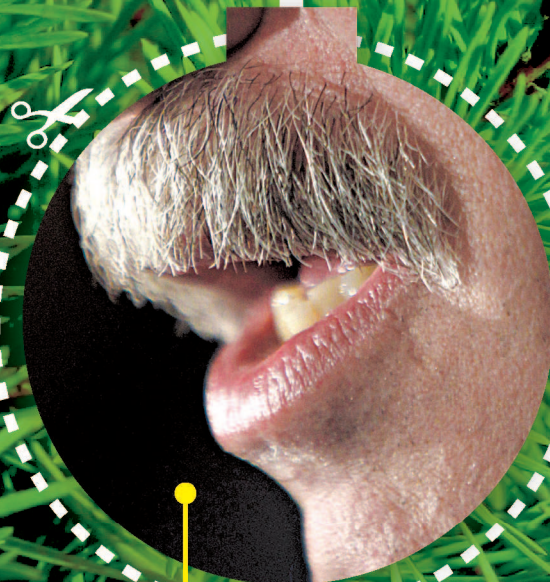
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## Christmas sports exchange

It's a Bag Boy family Christmas (cue Bob Hope music.) It's a time to give gifts, a time to get gifts. I've got a short list of things I want and what I plan to get.

### BEARS. What I

**want:** That No. 2 seed. Congrats on the division title, now beat the N.Y. Jets and Green Bay, get a week off and prepare for when someone visits for Patriots weather.

**What I'm giving:** I'm laying off Lovie Smith for a while—good job this year picking those coaches. Jerry Angelo, not so sure. Me want some O-linemen.

**BULLS. What I want:** Joakim Noah back and healthy, continued solid play by that bench. Yes, you're fun to watch, keep it up.

**What I'm giving:** Seriously, I'm trying to find a wife for Tom Thibodeau. Fifty years and alone—no way, brother. Don't do it, man; it's just sports. Hook up.

**BLACKHAWKS. What I want:** Patrick Kane to grow up and more Corey Crawford. I like the kid. Also, some more tickets to those suites. I mean, come on, good people, entertainment, you even watch some hockey. Also, some dates with those ice girls. They seem really nice.

**What I'm giving:** Absolutely nothing. You take a championship team and sell off its depth, toughness and the things that made it a winner? This still hurts me in ways you can't measure.

**WHITE SOX. What I want:** Some relievers. We lost Bobby Jenks, whom I love as much as I hate. Now that he's gone, I miss him!

**What I'm giving:** Therapy for Ozzie and Kenny. Seriously guys, sit down, talk it out, hug it out and quit acting like 8th-grade girls.

**CUBS. What I'm asking for:** God, in heaven, can we blow this thing up and start over? I mean, really, the new owners haven't impressed me, though I did like the move to ask for money from a broke state. Good one.

**What I'm giving:** Nothing. Enjoy your .196-hitting first baseman and whatever else this year. I'll read about it in the papers. Thanks.

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five on five

Holly, jolly

From the RedEye family to yours, we hope your holiday is as full of drama, in-fighting and awkward moments as ours.



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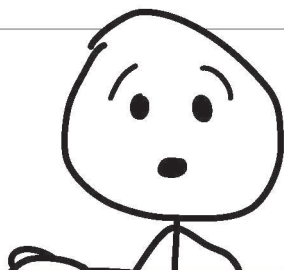
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<b>1</b> What do the Bulls think about playing on Christmas Day in New York?	I'm sure they love being away from their families on the biggest holiday of the year. Wouldn't you?	Not as happy as the jolly old Saint Knicks, who may sleigh them.	They're just glad they don't have to play at the Metrodome.	"All we want for Christmas is our two front teeth ... still intact."	Oh no, how will Santa know where to deliver their presents?
<b>2</b> What does Jay Cutler mean when he says the Bears are ready to "have some fun"?	He's gonna stop making "Jay face" on the field after every marginally poor play.	He's filling a special stocking for Kristin Cavallari.	He's inviting the whole cast of "The Hills" to meet him under the mistletoe.	Hopefully not what Rex Ryan means when he says that. ('Cause that makes me throw up in my own mouth a bit.)	They are adding a third running play to their repertoire.
<b>3</b> Give us your best Rex Ryan's wife foot fetish video joke.	I wonder if this controversy is all a ploy because he owns stock in Foot Locker.	No thanks, I don't want to put my foot in my mouth ...	Ah, the game is afoot ...	Rex Ryan: He (heave) puts the "foot" (gag) in football. (*Blargh!*)	I won't. I'm waiting for the other shoe to drop.
<b>4</b> What's your sports-related Christmas tradition?	I worry about Chicago sports enough, I don't need to do it on Christmas, so I tune out.	A Festivus with an airing of the Steveances. Thanks, Addazio, for a great Gator year...	Contributing to the "trade for Carmelo Anthony and sign him to an extension" fund.	Full-contact Chinese food and a movie. Oy, wait, that didn't come out right ...	Pretending to like the underwear gramma got me for Christmas.
<b>5</b> It's the night before Christmas and all through the town ...	... haunts the ghost of sports past, his name is McNown.	... Jo Noah wasn't wearing a frown.	... the Bears have momentum. Please, don't let us down!	... we're all hoping for the Knicks, a wicked beat-down.	... we're missing Jo Noah -- where is that big clown?



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***"It's a great game to play in because it's on Christmas, and it's in L.A., it's great story lines. But, besides that, it's no big deal, like, 'We must win this game or they must win this game,' because no one is getting crowned champion after."***

—DWYANE WADE ON MIAMI'S CHRISTMAS DAY GAME AGAINST THE L.A. LAKERS



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► Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor (above) and four other Buckeyes were suspended by the NCAA for the first five games of next season for selling championship rings, jerseys and awards, and receiving improper benefits from a tattoo parlor. All can still play in the Sugar Bowl against Arkansas.

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# Wootton's chance



Bears defensive end Corey Wootton (right) wraps up Brett Favre during the second quarter of the Bears' win over Minnesota on Monday. Wootton, a fourth-round pick from Northwestern, is making a push for more playing time. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

## Rookie's sack of Favre shows flash of potential

One of the factors that's made the Bears defense successful this season has been Israel Idonije's ability to win the one-on-one battles, the opportunities everyone would know would come on the opposite side of Julius Peppers.

Idonije has blossomed into a new player at 30 and has been a consistent force where the team wasn't sure if it could find one. The bookends are tied for the team lead with eight sacks. The question now is can they find someone to fill the swing role and play both sides on occasion to give the starters a break?

The Bears have to be wondering if Corey Wootton's sack of Brett Favre is a coming-out party or a possible trivia question answer if the Minnesota quarterback never plays again.

There are two regular-season games left to determine if it was an occasional flash or if Wootton is ready to grab that third end job the Bears have been waiting for someone to claim and force them to play him more.

"I am trying to prove to them I belong out there," Wootton said. "Through practice and the games, that is my goal."

Wootton was used for 23 snaps against the Vikings after getting eight on Dec. 12 against New England, when he broke a six-game stretch of being inactive by getting some time.

"We don't really look at snaps," defensive line coach Eric Washington said. "We want them to have a high factor grade—to be a factor in either determining the outcome of a play or terminating a play. His snaps were about right. He just needs to be a factor when he's in there."

Washington stopped short of calling Wootton the third end, saying he's rotating in with the other young players. A fourth-round pick from Northwestern, the Bears hoped he would make an impact before the season ended and he's come along well.

### SANCHEZ'S STATUS UNCERTAIN

The New York Jets might have to try to clinch a playoff spot this weekend without Mark Sanchez. Jets coach Rex Ryan said Thursday that the quarterback's sore shoulder is worse than he first thought, though he still expects Sanchez to start Sunday against the Bears at Soldier Field. If not, 40-year-old Mark Brunell would be under center.

## FOUR SCORE

Every week before the Bears game, our crew gets to the point. Here's what we expect against the Jets.



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### N.Y. Jets 20, Bears 17

The Ghost of Buddy Ryan will haunt the Bears in this matchup against his son's Jets! What? Buddy's not dead? Check again.



**JIMMY GREENFIELD**  
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### Bears 23, N.Y. Jets 17

In one month, the Bears will beat all of Favre's old teams. Yeah, including Atlanta.



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### Bears 19, N.Y. Jets 10

A dream game for fans of defense. Which means this one is a fantasy football black hole.



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### Bears 23, N.Y. Jets 10

After this game, Matt Sanchez is heard muttering: "I gotta get back to Cali."



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## FAST-PAISED

Sofia Coppola takes on the randomness of fame in 'Somewhere.'  
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## DINING

Big taste comes in these small, savory hot pockets.  
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# Dude ranch

**Jeff Bridges reteams with Coen brothers to take on John Wayne's iconic role in classic 'True Grit'**

## Newsday

The last time Jeff Bridges consorted with Joel and Ethan Coen, it resulted in "The Big Lebowski," so if anyone's looking for a link between that 1998 cult comedy and the Coens' "True Grit," Bridges is willing to help.

"In this movie," said the Oscar-winning actor, "my character is first heard inside an outhouse. In the first scene of 'Lebowski,' my head's in the toilet.

"You can find comparisons in anything, I guess."

The bigger comparisons, of course, likely will be made between Bridges' performance—as the leathery, ornery U.S. Marshal Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn—and the man who originated the role and won a best actor Oscar for doing it, John Wayne.

But Bridges, who seldom sounds capable of worry, doesn't sound worried.

"I was curious why they wanted to make 'True Grit' again," he said of the Coens. "And they said, 'We don't. We're not referring to the movie in the least. We're looking toward the [1968] book by Charles Portis.' And after I read the book, I saw what they were talking about. It's a wonderful story and reads very much like a Coen brothers script."

The story focuses on single-minded, 14-year-old Mattie Ross, whose father has been gunned down and who wants justice served. To help her serve it, she hires Cogburn, a hard-drinking, one-eyed lawman whose pragmatic morality clashes with the Old Testament-flavored deportment of his preadolescent employer.

Although the standard-issue Western devices are in play—guns and gunfights—the heart of "True Grit" is in the Mattie-Rooster relationship, with a side order of LaBoeuf (Matt Damon), the Texas Ranger who joins their hunt for the mangy Tom Chaney, played by Josh Brolin.

While there will be inevitable comparisons

between Wayne and Bridges, between Rooster and Bridges lies a fathomless gulf: Rooster is hard-bitten, taciturn and seemingly misanthropic (although, once he gets on the trail with Mattie and LaBoeuf, he can't seem to stop talking).

"He gets a captive audience," Bridges said with a laugh, "and he explodes with personal details."

Bridges thinks people will be charmed to hear his crowing Rooster. "You think he'd be the strong, silent type, but instead he's this blustering boor in a way. He wants to tell his life story, and you can't shut this guy up."

The film isn't all talk, however. There's one especially intense scene where Cogburn gallops into gunfire and, facing superior numbers, puts his tether between his teeth so he can use both hands to shoot. It's a high-adrenaline moment and it was done without a stunt double or CG, a fact that the cast and crew are still talking about.

"For me, it was the excitement of being a kid and the fear of falling off, but we did it," Bridges said. "It was a hot, windy, gusty day. It was one of the things I'll remember about making the movie, that and seeing the Coens in cowboy hats. That put a smile on my face."

Bridges, who at 61 has a nearly 61-year screen career (he first appeared as an infant in 1951's "The Company She Keeps"), is enjoying newfound popularity after winning a best actor Oscar earlier this year for playing a drunken country singer in "Crazy Heart."

No actor is having a better year than Bridges. Not only is he a likely Oscar contender for "True Grit," his film "Tron: Legacy" ruled the box office during its opening weekend last week.

Bridges also does commercial voiceovers for batteries and imported cars. He's published a book of his on-set photographs and is working on his second record album. He's on the cover of GQ for its Man of the Year issue.



Hailee Steinfeld as Mattie Ross in 'True Grit'  
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## True Grit

(PG-13)

"Newcomer Hailee Steinfeld puts real juice into Mattie's defiance as she talks circles around men twice her size and three or four times her age. With Rooster, given gruffness if not stature by Jeff Bridges, this spunky young girl vows to do right by her family, a mission that's always relevant."

MATT PAIS, METROMIX

And "The Big Lebowski" may be the most quoted comedy in history.

But like Lebowski, Bridges remains mellow about his success.

"It made me more famous," he said of his first Oscar (after five nominations), "and then I can direct that fame to whatever I want to. If you're fortunate to be fortunate, you get to spend it, and there's nothing like spending it on making the world a better place."

Bridges has become the national spokesman for No Kid Hungry, which is all about ending childhood hunger in America by 2015.

"We currently have 17 million kids, one in four, who live in food-insecure homes," he said, "and No Kid Hungry is all about working with the governors and mayors, state by state, five states each year, to turn that around."

LOS ANGELES TIMES, KANSAS CITY STAR CONTRIBUTED



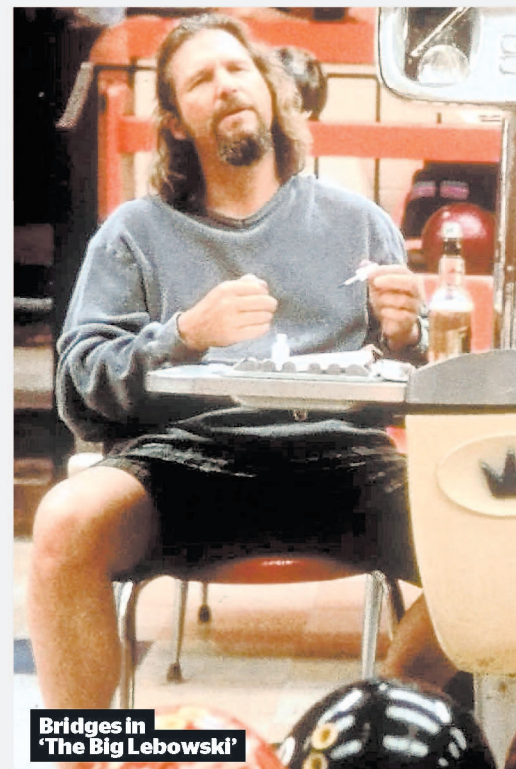


## WHOVILLE

'Tis the season, so here are our favorite holiday TV episodes. **page 26**

Jeff Bridges plays U.S. Marshal Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn in "True Grit."

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Bridges in 'The Big Lebowski'

## The wisdom of His Dudeness

The last time Jeff Bridges starred in a Coen Brothers movie, they delivered the now-cult classic "The Big Lebowski," which has become oft-quoted thanks to the great lines and Bridges' delivery as "The Dude." RedEye and some of its Twitter followers offer these examples:

**THE DUDE:** "The Dude abides."

**THE DUDE:** "That rug really tied the room together."

**THE DUDE:** "Hey, careful, man, there's a beverage here!" (@MCPeruana, @erdanton and @StephSipe)

**THE DUDE:** "Johnson?" (@erdanton)

**THE DUDE:** "Taking care of her [bleeping] dog. Going to her [bleeping] synagogue. You're living in the [bleeping] past." (@TheBotLebowski)

**THE DUDE:** "I'm the Dude. So that's what you call me. You know, that or, uh, His Dudeness, or uh, Duder, or El Duderino if you're not into the whole brevity thing."

**THE DUDE:** "Hey, nice marmot!"

**THE DUDE:** "I'm sorry your stepmother is a nympho."

**THE DUDE:** "Walter, I love you, but sooner or later, you're going to have to face the fact you're a [bleep] moron."

**THE DUDE:** "Oh, the usual. I bowl. Drive around. The occasional acid flashback."

**THE DUDE:** "What the [bleep] has anything got to do with Vietnam?"

**MAUDE LEBOWSKI:** "The story is ludicrous." (@meek\_the\_geek)

**WALTER SOBCHAK:** "Dude, Chinaman is not the preferred nomenclature. Asian-American, please." (@msynergy)



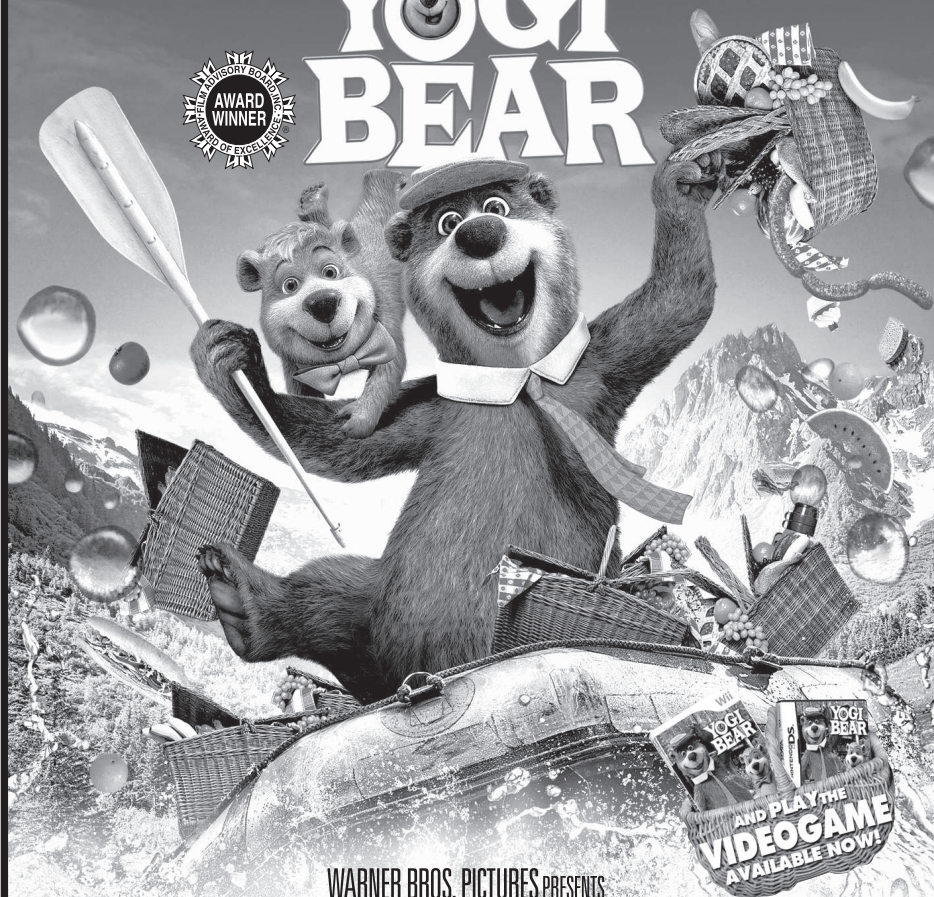
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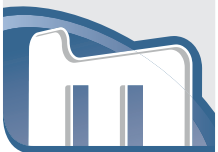
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# Running on empty

Famous actor Johnny Marco (Stephen Dorff) lives in a world of permanent stubble and indifferent clothing choices, inane press questions and constant access to meaningless sex. His priorities may or may not shift when he's tasked with spending more time with his 11-year-old daughter, Cleo (Elle Fanning in a heartbreaking performance).

**The buzz:** Director Sofia Coppola explored the absence of feeling in "Lost in Translation," and "Somewhere" could be titled "Loss of Sensation." The emptiness of celebrity likewise isn't exactly a new topic, but as a comeback for Dorff, maybe "Somewhere" can emulate "The Wrestler" and its ability to find new depth in the familiar premise of a broken spirit's renewal.

**The verdict:** Perceptive in darkly comic ways, "Somewhere" is a mood piece, and that mood is "whatever." Or maybe "numb" is more appropriate. Dorff and Coppola achieve something special with Johnny: a sympathetic indictment of fame's randomness, acknowledging that this guy's not that special or particularly good at anything other than being good-looking. What the film lacks in freshness it gains back in authenticity, holding the inside track on a big star's wandering sense of self—especially when he expects sexual propositions from every beautiful woman but sometimes can't even stay awake long enough to get down to business. Superficial popularity is isolating in "Somewhere." It's also the deceptively accessible place where Hollywood turns back into reality.

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- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) 11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 6:50
- The Tourist (PG-13) 4:55, 7:30
- Tangled (PG) 10:40, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00
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- Somewhere (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10
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- Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 10:50, 1:10, 3:40, 6:15
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) 10:05, 12:40, 3:20, 6:00
- Tangled 3D (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50
- Little Fockers (PG-13) 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30
- True Grit (PG-13) 11:00, 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 5:00, 7:20
- The Fighter (R) (Open captioned) 10:10
- The Fighter (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 8:00
- How Do You Know (PG-13) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
- Yogi Bear (PG) 9:50, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15
- The Tourist (PG-13) 11:55, 3:00, 5:45
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- Yogi Bear 3D (PG) ♦ 12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:25
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- The Social Network (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
- Despicable Me (PG) 11:30, 1:45, 4:00

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- AMC Independent The King's Speech (R) ♦ 11:05, 1:55, 4:55, 8:10, 10:55
- Little Fockers (PG-13) ♦ 11:45, 2:25, 5:15, 8:05, 10:45
- AMC Independent The King's Speech (R) 10:35, 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- Little Fockers (PG-13) 10:45, 12:45, 1:25, 3:25, 4:15, 6:15, 7:05, 9:05, 9:45
- True Grit (PG-13) ♦ 10:40, 11:40, 1:35, 2:35, 4:20, 5:20, 7:15, 8:20, 9:55, 11:00
- Tron: Legacy (PG) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
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- How Do You Know (PG-13) ♦ 11:55, 2:05
- Yogi Bear (PG) ♦ 11:55, 2:05
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- Tangled 3D (PG) 11:25, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13) 11:30, 2:50, 6:05, 9:30
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- The Social Network (PG-13) 11:35, 5:30

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- True Grit (PG-13) 10:55, 1:50, 3:15, 4:45, 6:15, 7:40, 9:10, 10:35
- Tron: Legacy (PG) 10:30, 11:30, 1:40, 2:40, 4:50, 5:50, 8:00, 9:00, 10:55
- AMC Independent Black Swan (R) 10:15, 1:05, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40
- Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 9:55, 12:15, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
- How Do You Know (PG-13) 11:00, 12:30, 1:55, 3:35, 5:00, 6:40, 8:10, 9:45, 11:00
- Tron: Legacy: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) 9:50, 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
- Yogi Bear (PG) 11:15, 1:35, 4:05, 6:30, 8:55
- AMC Independent The Fighter (R) 10:50, 1:45, 4:55, 7:50, 10:50
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) 11:45, 2:35, 5:40, 8:30
- The Tourist (PG-13) 10:35, 12:05, 1:15, 2:50, 4:00, 5:35, 6:45, 8:20, 9:30, 10:55
- Tangled (PG) 10:25, 1:10, 3:45, 6:35, 9:15
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13) 12:10, 3:40, 7:10, 10:40
- Megamind (PG) 12:25 P.M.

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- Tron: Legacy 3D (PG) 10:20, 1:20, 4:10, 7:20
- Little Fockers (PG-13) 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30
- True Grit (PG-13) 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50
- How Do You Know (PG-13) 10:10, 1:15, 4:20, 7:10
- Yogi Bear (PG) 11:40, 2:20, 4:40, 6:50
- The Tourist (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) 10:40, 1:40, 4:15, 7:15
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- True Grit (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00
- Tron: Legacy (PG) 10:45, 12:00, 1:40, 3:00, 4:35, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:25
- Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 10:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- How Do You Know (PG-13) 11:10, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30
- Yogi Bear (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30
- AMC Independent The Fighter (R) 10:55, 1:50, 3:15, 4:50, 6:00, 7:35, 9:15, 10:15
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) 11:05, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
- The Tourist (PG-13) 11:35, 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20
- Faster (R) 10:50, 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13) 11:15 A.M.
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- Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
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- Yogi Bear (PG) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30
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- Faster (R) 11:35, 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25
- Tangled (PG) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 9:45
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- Little Fockers (PG-13) ★ 10:10, 10:45, 12:50, 1:20, 3:30, 4:20
- True Grit (PG-13) ★ 10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30
- Tron: Legacy 3D (PG) ★ 10:00, 12:15, 1:00, 3:15, 4:00
- Yogi Bear 3D (PG) ★ 11:20, 1:40, 3:50
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- Black Swan (R) ★ 10:40, 11:40, 1:10, 2:20, 4:15, 5:00
- The Tourist (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 2:10, 4:50
- Tangled 3D (PG) 10:20, 12:45, 3:40

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- Tron: Legacy 3D (PG) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 7:00
- How Do You Know (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 6:50
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- The Tourist (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40

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- True Grit (PG-13) ★ ♦ 11:30, 12:50, 2:10, 3:30, 4:50, 6:10, 7:30, 8:50, 10:10, 11:30
- Black Swan (R) 12:40, 3:15, 6:15, 8:55
- The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:40
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13) ♦ 10:40 P.M.
- How Do You Know (PG-13) ★ ♦ 11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
- I Love You Phillip Morris (R) 11:05, 1:45, 4:15, 6:40, 9:00
- Tangled 3D (PG) 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10
- The Fighter (R) ★ ♦ 11:10, 12:45, 2:10, 3:35, 5:00, 6:25, 7:50, 9:15, 10:45
- The King's Speech (R) ★ 11:20, 12:35, 2:15, 3:45, 5:10, 6:30, 7:55, 9:20, 10:50
- The Social Network (PG-13) ★ 11:25 P.M.
- The Tourist (PG-13) ♦ 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- Tron: Legacy 3D (PG) ★ 11:55, 2:45, 5:30, 8:25, 11:20
- Tron: Legacy 3D (PG) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55
- Yogi Bear (PG) ★ ♦ 12:25, 2:30, 4:35, 6:35, 8:45, 10:55
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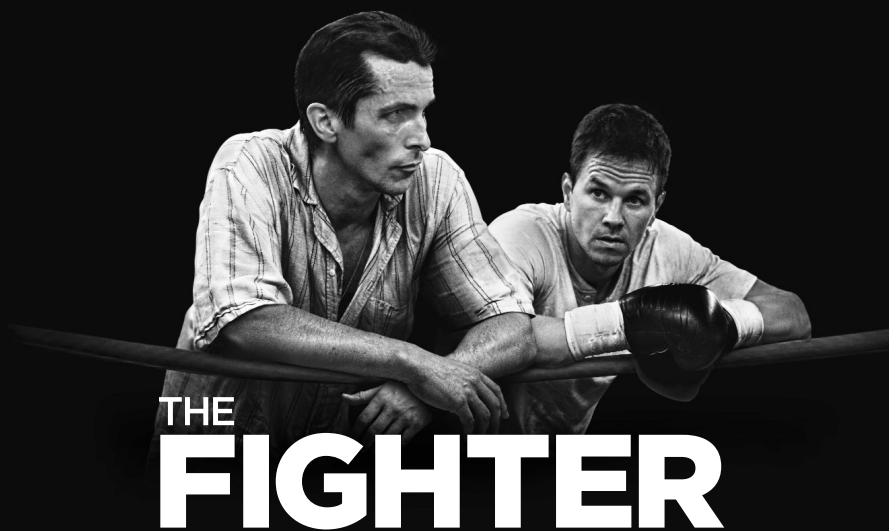


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Colin Hanks (left) and Ben Stiller in 'Little Fockers'  
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**'Little  
Fockers'**  
(PG-13)



Neurotic Chicago nurse Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) has little time to please his wife, Pam (Teri Polo), or care for his twins when his father-in-law (Robert De Niro) continues to emasculate and investigate him. This time, Dad thinks Greg is cheating with an airhead drug rep named, giggle, Andi Garcia (Jessica Alba), who tells Greg things like, "No offense, but does Pam even realize how dope you are?"

**The verdict:** If you can't believe this movie exists, well, it barely does. Scenes end haphazardly and without payoff, and nothing suggests why this (hopefully) last part of an unjustified trilogy was even made. Female characters are allowed to be only objects of motherhood or sexuality, while the guys get the jokes and embarrassment. As expected, a lot of humor is based in vomit and poop and blood and butts. "Little Fockers" isn't funnier than its predecessors, but at least it's shorter.

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# A whirlwind romance gone bad

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**'All Good  
Things'**  
(R)



David (Ryan Gosling) and Katie (Kirsten Dunst) have such a whirlwind romance that it's not until after they're married she realizes he's a mysterious and disturbed individual who doesn't want kids. While their relationship plays out, David's dad (Frank Langella) pressures his son to join the family real estate business in the '70s. Based on the real-life case of Robert Durst (here called David), who never was convicted of a murder despite people around him disappearing.

**The verdict:** "All Good Things" is a family drama that needs more police procedure, or at least a "Zodiac"-style investigation to parallel the declining emotional stability of practically everyone involved. Instead, the film takes a while to decide what it is and then twists into a thriller without properly detailing most of its characters. Gosling, Dunst and director Andrew Jarecki effectively build the dread like a creeping fog, as young love blinds Katie to a lot of important truths and questions until it's too late. Clearly "charming guy with a traumatic past" sometimes has potential, and sometimes it's a warning sign.

## EVEN FASTER PAISED

■■■■■ **'Gulliver's Travels'** (PG)  
"Jonathan Swift's tale has been reduced to another opportunity for Black to revisit his manic, dishonest loser character from 'School of Rock.'"

■■■■■ **'Rabbit Hole'** (R)  
"A tough movie that doesn't run from an impossible situation."  
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## TRON

**@ChiBen10:** Saw TRON this wkend, loved it! Story was good, great effects, great music! Might see it again ...  
**@DrewCrisan:** TRON: electric beats, electric suits, analog story.  
**@TheFlintSkinny:** Tron wasn't the greatest story ever written, but The Dude

as a geek god and Daft Punk's score made it well worth seeing.  
**@KnitChick1979:** TRON was a nice update to the classic film. The special effects are worth the ticket alone! The story is quite good too. :)  
**@MikeyB3883:** Tron. 1-10 scale. Looks=10 Plot=3 Acting=1 Music=9

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# dining



**Pasteis at Sabor Express**  
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## Hot pockets

### Warm up with hand-held snacks at 4 new restaurants

**By Lisa Arnett**

As if on cue with this winter's brutal weather, a crop of newly opened eateries have just the thing to warm you up: finger food in the form of piping-hot pockets. Dig your hands out of your coat pockets and warm 'em up with these pockets instead.

#### Chez Violette

2311 W. Howard St. 773-961-7275

**What they're serving:** Paté, a flaky Haitian pastry. After less than a month in business, this Rogers Park eatery already has gained fans ordering these snacks by the dozen. A little smaller than a bagel, they're meant to be appetizers to hold you until your main course of goat stew or griot (fried pork with plantains) arrives.

**What's inside:** Ground beef, ground chicken, cod or veggies such as spinach and carrot.

**Price:** \$1.50-\$2 each; \$14-\$17 a dozen

#### Pierogi Heaven

169 N. Wells St. 312-263-9305

**What they're serving:** Pierogi, Polish dumplings. Don't expect to see kitchen staff rolling out dough at this counter-service Loop spot; pierogi are shipped in from a "top-secret" outside provider (users of foodie site [lthforum.com](http://lthforum.com) have guessed Alexandra's Pierogi).

**What's inside:** Meat (pork and beef), kraut and mushrooms, potato and cheddar, spinach and sweet cheese, to name a few. Order fruit pierogi for a mixed bag of blueberry, strawberry, cherry and plum.

**Price:** six for \$3.99; 12 for \$6.99. Mix and match four flavors per dozen and two flavors per half-dozen.

#### Paradise Empanadas

3204 N. Broadway. 773-472-6327

**What they're serving:** Empanadas, the popular Latin pastry that varies country to country. This Lakeview eatery specializes in the Chilean style that's baked rather than fried.

**What's inside:** Spinach and ricotta, ham and mozzarella, chicken, beef, turkey, salmon, shrimp and veggie combos such as corn and green beans. Breakfast versions include sausage or bacon with egg and hash browns.

**Price:** \$2.25-\$2.50 each

#### Sabor Express

1230 W. Taylor St. 312-733-4800

**What they're serving:** Pasteis, Brazilian fried dough pockets (just one is called a "pastel"). This Little Italy BYOB specializing in South American street food sells plenty of pasteis as appetizers and snacks. They're about the size of a small taco and come in pairs; order yours well-done for a crispier shell.

**What's inside:** Shrimp, steak, ham with smoked mozzarella, chicken with corn, cherry and pineapple with cinnamon sugar, hearts of palm and ground beef with garlic and olives.

**Price:** \$2.95-\$3.25 for two

#### PICK YOUR POCKET!

Have you taken a trip to any of these new eateries? Post your reader review on [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

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**Paté at Chez Violette**  
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### THE TICKER

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» New sandwich shop **Which Wich?** (108 N. State St.) opened Tuesday at Block 37.

» New Little Italy pizzeria **Dough Boys** (626 S. Racine Ave.) is now open. Its neighbor eatery Salatino's will follow later this month.

» Aquatic-themed American bistro **Currents on the River** (200 S. Wacker Drive) aims to open Friday.



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**Chilam Balam**  
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## Sparkling suppers



**bring it!**

BY ERIN DRAIN  
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The 364 days leading up to this New Year's Eve were busy and stressful for most Chicagoans. By now, most of us are slightly brain-dead, or at least overstimulated. So, on this last night of the year, let someone else make the decisions for you. Sit back, relax and ring in the new year with time-tested, food-friendly wines that can go from the beginning to the end of a prix-fixe meal. That's right: Bring bubbles to this festive dinner and everyone will be happy.

New Andersonville restaurant **Vincent** (1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168) from chef-owner Joncarl Lachman of BYO favorite HB is serving a Dutch-style menu with five courses (\$45) to linger over before ringing in 2011. I love the thought of a dry, traditional Champagne such as the NV Chartogne-Taillet Cuvee Sainte-Anne (\$45 at In Fine Spirits, 5418 N. Clark St. 773-506-9463) with this unusual and very European menu. Vincent has a great wine list, but

is BYO-friendly with a scant \$5 corkage fee per bottle.

Lakeview darling **Chilam Balam** (3023 N. Broadway, 773-296-6901) is a great option for bubbly lovers, and they're throwing a NYE bash with two seatings: one for the early birds at 6:30 p.m. (\$70) and a later one for midnight revelers beginning at 9:30 p.m. (\$85). The layered flavors of chili-enhanced dishes normally can be tricky for pairing, but a bright, fresh wine such as Argentina's Vida Organica sparkling chardonnay (\$15.75 at Trotter's to Go, 1337 W. Fullerton Avenue, 773-868-6510) can balance the spices and work with anything from ceviche to ribeye. For reservations, call restaurant owner Soraya Rendon directly at 312-352-0229.

One last thought: What about dessert? Champagne can tide diners through an entire meal, but the bright acid and dryness might be jarring against sweet desserts. Pack a lightly sweet moscato d'asti to finish things off. Good news: Most dessert wines hover around 6 percent to 7 percent alcohol by volume, so you won't be too fuzzy during those first few minutes of 2011. Here's to a happy and healthy new year!

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**Aloud, The Part Five,**  
Tuesday, Feb. 22 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

**Chris Bathgate, Photographers,**  
Monday, Jan. 31 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

**Greensky Bluegrass,**  
Thursday, Feb. 3 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Double Door.

**Hemmingbirds, Jet W. Lee,** Tuesday, Feb. 15 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

**Kick the Record, Anna Soltys and the Familiar, Aryk Crowder, Origin of Animal,** Thursday, March 31 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

**The Sleepers, Channel Four, Circus Bear,** Friday, Feb. 25 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

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**Akron/Family, Delicate Steve, Joshua Abrams Natural Information Society,**

**Young the Giant**

**ON SALE NOW**  
**WITH: Pomegranates,** Friday, Jan. 28 (\$8-\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

Thursday, Feb. 24 (\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

**Caravan of Thieves,** Wednesday, Feb. 16 (\$8-\$12, all ages) at Space.

**Cobalt and the Hired Guns,** Friday, Jan. 7 (\$9, 18+) at Metro.

**Jeffrey Foucault,** Friday, March 18 (\$14-\$16, 21+) at Schubas.

**The Jezabels,** Monday, March 7 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

**Now Now Every Children,** Wednesday, March 9 (\$8-\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

**Revolver,** Saturday, March 5 (\$8-\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

### WEEKEND CONCERTS

**FRIDAY**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE WINTER RAP BATTLE**  
7 p.m. \$18. The Regal Theater, 1645 E. 79th St. 708-510-1908.

**CYRUS CHESTNUT TRIO**  
8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

**WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT**  
6 a.m. \$20. Links Hall Studio, 3435 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-0824.

**SATURDAY**  
**CYRUS CHESTNUT TRIO**  
8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

**MR. BLOTTO**  
9 p.m. \$10. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

**PAUL DIANNO, ICARUS WITCH, SLAUGHTER XSTROYES, HELL AWAITS, KRADIKISS**  
7 p.m. \$18. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

**SUNDAY**  
**THE ACTION BLAST**  
8 p.m. \$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

**BARNFIRES, HOW A GADGET FEELS**  
8:30 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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**SQUAD, JAYE, KENYA, CAMILLE G. BROWN, ROB C SHAD-OWLIFE, OTHERS**  
7 p.m. \$9-\$12. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

**GUY KING**  
10 p.m. \$10. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2007.

**HAMBURGLARS, THE GOBLINS**  
7 p.m. \$3. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

**THE HUSH SOUND, THIS IS ME SMILING, DEBELLO, THE ORWELLS**  
6:30 p.m. \$19-\$21. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

**MACABRE, REIGN INFERNO, BONES, KASTASYDE**  
6 p.m. \$12. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

**THE OLD COMISKEYS, OUTDOOR VELOUR**  
7:30 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

**STELLAR ROAD, FINLEY KNIGHT AND 3 IN COUNTING**  
8 p.m. \$13-\$16. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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# JINGLE ON THE TV

## OUR FAVORITE, VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY EPISODES

Now that your tree is almost ready to drop its needles and you're prepping to spike the nog at your family dinner, the TV networks have finished their run of holiday episodes. This year's batch ranged from the legendary ("Community") to the homage-filled ("Glee"). While our chestnuts roast on an open fire (don't tell our landlords), let's take a look at some of RedEye's favorite holiday episodes of yore.

By Dana Moran  
REDEYE

### 'WOODLAND CRITTER CHRISTMAS' 'South Park'

Original air date: Dec. 15, 2004

Our favorite "South Park" holiday episode doesn't involve any sort of Christmas-themed feces, but rather cute, fuzzy cartoon creatures. Or so we think. Stan's woodland friends end up being agents of Satan, but on "South Park," who isn't?

### 'THE STRIKE' 'Seinfeld'

Original air date: Dec. 18, 1997

From the pole to the airing of grievances to the feats of strength, "Seinfeld" created arguably the most important fake holiday of all time—Festivus. This episode, which also explains why Kramer has never held a job, is where it all starts.

### 'SIMPSONS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE' 'The Simpsons'

Original air date: Dec. 17, 1989

Interestingly enough, our favorite "Simpsons" holiday special also happens to be the show's first full-length episode. In a move that foreshadows years of buffoonery, Homer blows his earnings from playing Santa Claus at the greyhound track, then comes home with another loser, Santa's Little Helper, as a gift to the family.



### 'THE BEST CHRISMUKKAH EVER' 'The OC'

Original air date: Dec. 3, 2003

Seth Cohen of "The OC" was all about the awkward, and what's more awkward than trying to make two different holidays work together? In true "OC" fashion, this Chrismukkah is all about the drama, but poor little hottie orphan Ryan Atwood finds the holiday's true meaning in the end.



Didn't see your favorite here? Tell us about your favorite holiday TV episode at [redeyechicago.com/whoville](http://redeyechicago.com/whoville).



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- 16 Venetian beach
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- 19 Frothy drinks
- 20 Wonder; theorize
- 22 "The Beehive State"
- 23 Invalid; void
- 24 Actor Aykroyd
- 26 Surrounded by
- 29 Entwining
- 34 Whittles
- 35 Goatee locations
- 36 Sticky stuff
- 37 Slightly open
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- 39 Insulting remark
- 40 Go bad
- 41 Glances over briefly
- 42 Flip-flop
- 43 Giving medical care to
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- 47 "Sport of Kings"
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- 51 Gap in time
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- 58 Prescription
- 60 Word of warning
- 61 Still breathing
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- 44 Secret \_\_; spies
- 45 Crumb
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## Donation goes to the dogs

Ellen DeGeneres knows everyone deserves some extra love this time of year—even cats and dogs. The talk show host teamed with Halo pet products to donate 1 million meals to pets awaiting adoption. “I mean, imagine, an animal in a shelter, in a cage, lonely,” DeGeneres said. “A good meal is kinda all they have to look forward to, until you adopt them!” We bet pets everywhere start tuning into Ellen’s show.

## One ‘Thriller’ of a game

Super Bowl. “Glee.” “Thriller.” Let that all sink in. The kids from the hit Fox show will take on Michael Jackson’s ultimate dance hit in a special episode airing after the Feb. 6 game, Jane Lynch told The Associated Press. Lynch also promises her character will have “a hissy fit the likes of which no one has seen before.” Definitely thriller, thriller night.

Prince William and Kate Middleton  
REUTERS



# It's like looking into a mirror, almost

It looks like the Royal Mint may have made a royal blunder. The Prince William and Kate Middleton commemorative coin was released Thursday, but it seems the famous couple is nowhere to be seen. Not only is a plumped up Kate almost unrecognizable as the Prince’s bride-to-be, we think William resembles a young Al Gore with a thick head of hair. No comment yet from Gore.

## JURY DUTY REPORT

“Uh oh. Jury foreman mixed up verdict with my greatest film list. Read out three film titles and judge booed”

—Steve Martin via Twitter on Thursday during jury duty



Steve Martin  
REUTERS

## Pauly D, the sequel

Call it a shore bet. It looks like “Jersey Shore’s” Pauly D will get his own spinoff show. A pilot has been filmed and Pauly D. signed a series option deal with MTV, according to [variety.com](http://variety.com).

“We know viewers are curious about his life away from the shore, and we look forward to exploring new possibilities around that,” said Chris Linn, MTV executive vice president of programming and production. No word on when the spinoff will air.

## Star of Wonder?

How do you go from ‘60s vixen to superhero siren? If you’re Christina Hendricks, by donning Wonder Woman’s iconic shorts. The “Mad Men” star told TV host Rachael Ray on Tuesday that “I’ve been wanting to wear that outfit my whole life! “I’d love to [do it]. That would be such fun! Let’s put it out there!” The 1970s TV show reportedly is set for a reboot, and if Hendricks gets the role, you won’t find us complaining.



Lauryn Hill  
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HOT DATE

# JANUARY 20

Date Lauryn Hill will perform at Chicago’s House of Blues as part of her 17-date North American tour.